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Supplemental Response to Office Action

REMARKS

Applicant extends thanks to Examiner Ham for the courtesy of a telephone interview on January 3, 2006. As noted during the interview, Applicant submitted an Amendment on December 12, 2005 in response to the Office Action dated July 12, 2005. Applicant respectfully submits that the December 12, 2005 was fully responsive and a bona fide attempt to advance the application to final action. However, upon further review, Applicant files this Supplemental Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 to correct informalities and provide amendments to place the application in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-26, 29, 31-40 are currently pending in this application. Claims 27 and 28 were previously canceled. By this paper Claims 30 and 41 are canceled, and Claims 5, 14-16, 22, 26, 29, 31, 33-35, 39, and 40 have been amended to correct informalities such as typographical errors and to place the application in condition for allowance. Claims 42-78 have been added to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that applicant regards as the invention and to place the application in condition for allowance. The amendments and new claims contain no new matter and are fully supported in the specification; see for example paragraphs 45 and 61-64, and Figures 22-27 of the present application.

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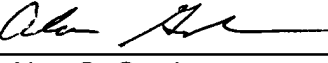
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REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

In view of the claim amendments it is submitted that all of the pending claims, Claims 1-26, 29, and 31-40, and all of the new claims, Claims 42-78, are patentable and are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Supplemental Amendment and requests further examination of the amended application. A Notice of Allowance is solicited.

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